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NATIONAL.

For President—Charles Evans Hughes of New York.
For Vice President—Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana.
U. S. Senator—Howard Sutherland of Randolph.
Congress, First District—Thos. W. Fleming, Fairmont.

STATE.

Governor—Ira E. Robinson of Taylor.
Secretary of State—Houston G. Young of Harrison.
Superintendent of Schools—Morris P. Shawkey of Kanawha.

Auditor—John S. Darst, of Jackson.
Treasurer—William S. Johnson of Fayette.
Attorney General—E. T. England of Logan.
Commissioner of Agriculture—James H. Stewart of Putnam.

State Senator, Eleventh District—Charles A. Sinsel, Taylor County.

COUNTY.

Sheriff—W. H. Veach, Farmington.
Assessor—W. S. Hamilton, Fairmont.
Pros. Attorney—M. Earl Morgan, Fairmont.
County Commissioner—W. P. Mason, Mannington.
House Delegates—Geo. W. Bowers, Mannington.
Walter Elison, Fairmont.

B. S. Hutchinson, Union District.
Co. Surveyor—Thos. E. Minnear, Annabelle, Lincoln Dist.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 9, 1916.

"America First and America Efficient"

DEMOCRATIC HEAT.

WE very much fear that a vital need in the several "headquarters" of the Democracy, not only in West Virginia but in other parts of the country, is a supply of antipyretics and ice caps. The captains of the Democratic host are displaying most alarming symptoms of mounting temperature and indulging in irrational talk.

It was bad enough when National Chairman Vance C. McCormick issued a bulletin in which he asserted that people who circulated reports about deplorable conditions in the state guards summoned to the Mexican border for service were going close to the line of treason. Mr. McCormick was an excellent foot ball player and is now one of the most able of the country's young business men, but he does not know much about law.

When Senator J. Hampton Lewis, who is a lawyer and therefore might reasonably be expected to know what treason consists of in this country, repeated the treason charge in a speech about the Mexican situation made on the floor of the United States senate the incident was dismissed as a mere outburst due to J. Ham's well known hair trigger temperament.

But now comes C. C. Lewis, Jr., the new chairman of the Democratic party in this state, who got his job because "he is a hard headed business man with a tendency toward efficiency and smoothness" but who proclaims that the Democrats are going to pursue a campaign "as relentless as death." The question is, is this a threat, or a figure of speech? Will it be necessary for all suspected with having Republican sympathies to wear coats of mail and forswear their party allegiance whenever taxed with it in a mixed company? Have we gone back to the political practices of the Medici? Or is the new chairman simply indulging in hot air?

Assistant Secretary Peters of the Treasury Department has thought better of it. He has concluded to remain on his present job until President Hughes relieves him rather than to tempt fate and deplete his bank account by running for governor of Massachusetts on the Democratic ticket.

HUGHES AS A CAMPAIGNER.

REPUBLICAN candidate Charles E. Hughes did considerable campaigning when he twice ran for governor of New York state and when he took the stump in favor of his anti-racing bills and other reform legislation, but those were state affairs and made little or no impression upon the country at large. It was with considerable curiosity, therefore, that the country awaited his first appearance on the platform as a candidate for the presidency.

His great swing around the circle has not gone very far, but it already is apparent that he has a style all his own, and if his physical powers hold out he may acquire

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

JUDGE ROBINSON SUSTAINED

From Parkersburg News.

"We firmly believe," declares the Democratic state platform, "that no person, unless engaged in the military service of the state, shall be tried or punished by any military court for any offense that is cognizable by the civil courts of the state. We condemn a use of courts martial for

the trial of civilians during industrial disturbances as a most flagrant violation of the principles of the state and nation."

Unwittingly, perhaps, the Democratic spokesmen have thus set out how firm was the foundation of an act of Judge Ira E. Robinson, the Republican candidate for governor, and how his martial law decision has come to be recognized as embodying the principles of common justice. Judge Robinson's friends have called attention to his dissenting opinion in the Kanawha strike cases as probably the most forceful proof of his regard for human liberty, essential in a government and it is pleasing to note that in at least one instance the Democrats are minded to agree.

a reputation on the hustings to equal that of Bryan or Roosevelt. True he has not the dash and vehemence of the Colonel, nor the warmth and friendliness of the Nebraskan in his palmy days. But he has far more punch than his scholarly opponent and unless we are very much mistaken he is going to "go" better with the crowds.

The distinguishing characteristic of the Hughes style of campaign oratory is the directness and the clearness of it. No one can hear him and remain in doubt as to just what he thinks about the Mexican policy of the administration, for instance, and as the campaign proceeds he may be expected to clear up the public mind on all the other great issues.

DERELICT COUNCILMEN.

ARTICLE Three of the Charter act of 1913 establishing a municipal government for Fairmont, the charter under which we are now operating, creates a Common Council of the city of Fairmont and invests it with some decidedly important powers.

For instance, Section 13 of the act reads: "The right of veto on any franchise or ordinance passed by the Board of Affairs is hereby conferred upon the Common Council."

Section 14 provides that "The Common Council shall have the right to hear, consider and act on charges against any member of the Board of Affairs and, having heard proof of such charges, may remove such commissioner and declare his office vacant."

In other words this honorable body is the direct representative of the people in the city government. In the theory of the charter act the commissioners who compose the Board of Affairs explain their plans and justify their acts to the members of the Common Council.

But what do we have in practice? We have a Common Council which, although it is required by law to meet at least once a month, has not had a sitting in many months and which even when it was called to pass upon a proposed increase in the city tax rate did not take enough interest in its duty to the taxpayers to muster a quorum.

The result is that the increase in the levy has gone into effect, and so far as the public knows the only reason for it is that the Commissioners want the money, in justice to the Commissioners it should be said that this state of ignorance upon the part of the public, which has to foot the bill, is due largely, if not entirely, to the circumstance that the only forum in which they are expected to make explanations has suspended deliberations and closed its doors. Nothing in law or custom requires the Commissioners to employ town criers or tack communications giving the details of their plans upon municipal bulletin boards. When the common Council goes out of business the taxpayers must conduct personal investigations or take the Board of Affairs on faith.

The West Virginian yesterday in its news columns printed the names of five faithful members of the Common Council who were alert to their duties and conscientious enough to appear at the appointed place, and at the time set, for the consideration of the tax raising and other measures which involve the expenditure of public funds. Herewith we print the names of the eleven members of the body who did not appear:

C. F. Crane, J. T. Dotts, Hugh Harr, T. A. Hunsaker, B. Layman, F. W. McIntire, J. W. Poling, Carl Riggs, E. H. Smith, C. E. Swisher, O. A. Watson.

Almost ten per cent of the Progressive vote of 1912 was cast in the State of New York. It is not, therefore, to be wondered at that the number of irreconcilables in New York should be correspondingly large. Of the disposition of the bulk of New York Progressives, however there is not the slightest doubt. They are for Hughes; and those members of their State Committee who are insisting upon maintaining the party in the face of certain decay are but illustrating anew the spirit of that classic gentleman who told Caesar that it was better to be the boss of a small village in the Pyrenees than to be second at Rome. These gentlemen will now have a little party all of their own.

An Indiana Democratic leader is advising his fellow-partisans to acquaint themselves with the details of what the administration has done. The administration, on the other hand, is wishing that most people would forget it.

From the mountain top, not from the bottom of the valley. This is the view-point of political problems which Mr. Hughes says Republicans should take. It is an opposite figure. Hughes is himself a mountain-climber and his nomination has taken his party up to the point whence the promised land can be clearly seen.

Senator Curtis of Kansas, on the basis of present figures, reckons that the number of failures for 1916 will be a record-breaker. And as we understand it the Senator is not including Wilson's failure to make good.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

A row by moonlight and a row by moonshine are pronounced differently.—St. Mary's Oracle.

A few more suffrage debates and the franchise question will overshadow all other issues. At any rate woman has had the first word whether she gets the last or not.—Parkersburg State Journal.

The individual whose cranium is equipped with a normal supply of grey matter, properly adjusted, is never under the necessity of using his mouth as a safety valve.—Charleston Sun-Herald.

President Wilson boasts that he never had any business experience. A considerable majority of the American voters think he ought to have some experience of that kind and will give him an opportunity after March 4.—Elkins Inter-Mountain.

An eastern psychologist says it isn't the soldier but the uniform that the girls are so fond of kissing. The uniform, of course—the coat of tan.—Wheeling Register.

The British government says it did not bother itself over the Deutschland. The fox was equally cheerful over the grapes.—Parkersburg Sentinel.

None of the rings of steel have the right ring to them.—Morgantown Post Chronicle.

WHY NOT BY ITS FRIENDS

From the Cedar Rapids Republican.

It is now claimed for the Democratic party that it stands for "practical" the same things as the Republican party, on the Tariff, for instance. But that is not exactly true. The Democrats are now in favor of a Tariff commission. There was such a commission in existence when Mr. Wilson came into office, but he caused it to be starved out of existence. At that time he thought he knew all about the Tariff, which he had studied in college text books. He forced his Free-Trade versions through Congress. Now he says that they are not suited to the needs of the country. So he says we will investigate the subject through a commission and re-visit

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



NO, I COULDN'T TAKE CARE OF IT. I ALREADY HAVE ONE HERE ABOUT FIFTY YEARS OLD.

The Tariff. He now concedes that "some Protection is needed."

In other words, the Democrats have come to the point of conceding the wisdom of the Republican policy of Protection. They are now for it.

In part. But having conceded that much, have they made an argument for themselves, or for the Republicans? If the Republican theories of Protection are right, would it not be the part of wisdom to let the Republicans interpret those policies and put them into governmental acts?

If Protection is now conceded as the best policy, why not let the friends of that policy enact it and interpret and enforce it?

BITS OF STATE NEWS

Sheriff E. E. White of Monongalia county failed to show a proper amount of respect for a Morgantown cop the other day and Mayor Bowman promptly sat him back a \$5 and costs. It was the minimum penalty but it is calculated that it will be sufficient to make even a sheriff behave.

The force of men which has been earring up the old platform and putting down a new one around the B. and O. passenger station at Morgantown has so far found \$10 in small coins which passengers have dropped through the cracks between the boards in the last few years. Only a few dollars and quarters were found.

The Ohio county commissioners have closed a deal by which the Pennsylvania railroad company purchased the stock owned by the county in the Pittsburgh, Wheeling and Kentucky railroad company, commonly called the "Powikly." By the terms of the deal the county received \$125 cash for each share, \$50 par value, and the \$200,000 worth now owned by the county will net \$500,000. When the Pennsylvania company first proposed buying the stock it offered \$75 per share, but the commissioners refused to consider the offer.

With the handle of a broom as her fishing tackle Mrs. Samuel King of Granville, on Saturday, captured a carp that weighed 35 pounds. She was crossing the creek in a boat when she saw the fish in the shallow water. Seizing her broom handle, the only thing available, by a lucky thrust, she pushed the stick through the opening at the gills and out the mouth.

A copperhead snake has been making considerable trouble for Dr. Mansberger of Sabraton, who, for some time has been interested in the raising of choice breed dogs. The snake has gotten into the kennels and has killed a valuable brood matron about ready to whelp. The matron was the best bred in blood lines to be found in the country. "Prince of Florida," a beagle worth \$200 has also been attacked and bitten in the same kennel, but the owner is entertaining hopes of saving his life. The snake so far has made his escape.

A sow belonging to Harland S. Pitzer, living west of town, says the Shepherdstown Register, recently gave birth to eighteen pigs—a very unusual litter. Mama hog was only fixed to care for twelve owing to the limited number of nature's spigots at the maternal font, so Mr. Pitzer reluctantly but mercifully disposed of the extra half dozen.

Cupid is such a consistent little general that it is seldom that his foes make big gains into his sector. So the time he meets with repulses but he usually comes through with a counter attack that spells doom to all opposition. Such was the case with Draper Smith and Mrs. Mittle L. Gardner says the Parkersburg News. The latter obtained an absolute divorce from her husband last winter, but the court decreed she must not marry for a period of six months. The decree was not explained to Mrs. Gardner and she married Smith on February 16, 1916. It came to pass that she had violated the court's ruling and the marriage

RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

Speaking of the Democratic convention at Parkersburg the Romney Review says, "There were two great speeches, the first by Solicitor General John W. Davis and the last by John T. McGraw."

The Review probably doesn't know what John W. said when he found what was in Ned Smith's hand bag which had been handed the Solicitor General by mistake, it was a great little speech.

We now hear that John Bond does not belong to the National Guard. If we can be informed as to the status of "Private Jones" all will be forgiven Villa.

"Postmasters will recruit for U. S. Army."

All who join here will truly be Manley men.

How about the consolidation of the telephone companies? Somebody trying to kid us on this Public Service dope.

Thus far the Lehigh Valley has not been placed on the Allies' black list on account of the Black Tom ammunition loss.

Can't call a \$350,000 postoffice building for Tucson, population 15,000 pork—it's whole hog!

"Nineteen cooks learning to can."

We'll accept them on diplomas.

Last evening we earned that there was \$133,127,085.23 taxable property in Marion county. We knew before last evening that things are not taxed here as they really should be.

Hughes at Detroit figured the dope just right.

His idea that we deserve a "square deal at home" ought to take well with all married men.

And some suffs.

When Ed. Hardy sings it brings back memories of the days we spent along the Missouri Pacific when the prairie dog and rattlesnake are made the victims of the screech owl.

"Pleasant offices for the Republicans."

And chief among them is the presidential office.

Meats Which "Aint"

Council meet.

Star Cash meet.

Political meet.

Ends meet.

White meet.

We have an idea the subs seen in Maine are but maple sugar barrels floating in the water.

E. C. Jones

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

New Neckwear

This recent purchase brings our usual good values in frills, vests, sets and separate collars. They are the season's newest and are made of crepe, organdie and net. For ornamentation they have hand embroidery, pleats, tucks and lace trimming. Priced 25c, 50c, and up to \$1.50.

The Place to Buy Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs are of large interest here. We gather them lavishly and we sell them at a slender margin above the first cost. Probably this hot weather has been the means of discovering to you the fact that you need more handkerchiefs. It is for that reason that we call attention to them today.

Crepe de chine Handkerchiefs 15c and 25c
Embroidered Handkerchiefs with Initial 3 for 30c
Irish Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs 3 for 50c
Plain Linen Handkerchiefs 2 for 25c
Plain Linen Handkerchiefs 25c

Autumn Millinery

When you come back from your vacation your Summer Hats are apt to look—well, ready for a rest. Yet you may not want to put much money into your first fall hat. And it is not necessary to. We have several styles, in silk and velvet, and all in the prevailing models. Prices \$5 and upward.

The list of infantile paralysis victims in New York reached 5164 yesterday. What would the number have been if the N. Y. babies had to drink milk such as is furnished to Fairmont babies.

Hard life in Martinsburg, the city is so near busted the mayor has asked the citizens to clean the streets because he is unable to get money enough for the work.

Candidate Hughes said at Detroit that he worked as hard as anybody. He never tried the side of politics where a reporter on a Republican paper had to get news from a democratic official.

Charleston has a mountaineer 70 years old who is cutting his teeth. These be hot nights to walk the floor with teething children.

The paper shortage will not affect the papers much longer. The political dope is getting so hot owners will use asbestos on which to print their sheets.

John Rebow of Wilkesbarre, Pa., has adopted 20 orphans. He has saved children of his own. Probably expects to run for some office in the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ONE MINER'S EARNINGS.
FAIRMONT, W. Va., Route 3, Aug. 8.—Editor West Virginian.—Following is what an average miner has done in the past year.

	Cars	Wages
Aug.	156	\$89.69
Sept.	132	75.90
Oct.	131	75.32
Nov.	126	72.45
Dec.	123	70.72
Jan.	109	64.10
Feb.	69	40.87
Mar.	116	60.89
April	134	72.96
May	130	74.88
June	126	72.45
July	116	72.50
	1468	802.73

There were 44 days I did not work and in the eight and one-half months I have waited eleven hundred miles. The price per car runs from 52½ to 62½. The working conditions are as good as any in the region. We have very nice bosses. Mack Hite superintendent and Charlie Larue pit boss. If you ask for any information you get it in a gentlemanly way.

DENT WEST.

SAUSAGES OR WHAT?

Many people are stopping in front of Kindie Bros. meat market this week and taking a look at the relics of George Kerr which are on exhibition. The collection is an extremely interesting one.—The Lapeer (Mich.) Clarion.

The Queen of the Home Must Be Properly Fed

How else may she grow plump and healthy? The foods you buy for baby must accord with baby's digestion—they must be good foods, backed by the best of reputations. We sell all popular Baby Foods always fresh and new, and always at fairest prices. Let us supply this important baby want.

Eagle Brand Condensed Milk 20c.
Nestle's Food 50c.
Imperial Granum 75c.
Robinson's Barley 25c.
Eskay's Food 50c and 75c.
Mellin's Food 50c and 75c.
Horlick's Malted Milk 50c and \$1.00.

CRANE'S Drug Store

E. D. K.'s Column

A JOY RIDE
Mrs. M. E. Engel returned last night from San Francisco. Mrs. Engel has purchased a handsome silver gray hearse for use in her business. She drove the hearse up from the city.—The Chica Enterprise.

SHE ANSWERED, YES
"Do you know the nature of an oath, madam?"
"Well, I ought to, sir. We've just moved and my husband has been laying the carpets."

NO WONDER A YACHT JUMPS UP AND DOWN WHEN IT IS FORCED TO GET ON ANOTHER TACK.

LONELINESS
An instance came to our attention recently that should appeal to sympathies of all tender-hearted people, a bachelor reports that a few nights ago, while in bed, he froze both his feet.—Blackfoot (Ida.) Idaho Republican.

"You promised that you would give me my answer this evening," he said.
"Are you ready to do so?"
"Yes," she replied, "but I want you to promise me something first."
"What is it?"
"I want you to promise me solemnly that you will not do anything rash—that you will not, when I have given you my answer, go and drown yourself or take bichloride of mercury."
"Oh, then, you have decided to say yes, have you?"



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